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WASHINGTON, FEB 25, REUTER - A FLORIDA CONGRESSMAN TODAY ASKED THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS THAT LARGE SHIPMENTS OF FOREIGN OIL INTENDED FOR THE UNITED STATES HAD BEEN DIVERTED TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM GUNTER, A DEMOCRAT, ASKED THE CIA TO REPORT ON ANY INVOLVEMENT BY AMERICAN FIRMS, ACTING IN COLLUSION WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES OR COOPERATING IN ANY WAY TO WITHHOLD OIL SUPPLIES FROM THE UNITED STATES.

HE REFERRED TO A STATEMENT BY THE SHAH OF IRAN ON A CBS T.V. INTERVIEW LAST NIGHT THAT OIL SHIPMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES WERE AT THE SAME LEVEL THIS YEAR AS LAST YEAR AND ADDED, "THE REPORTS ARE NOW TOO NUMEROUS OF AMERICAN OIL CUSTOMERS AND BUSINESSMEN BEING APPROACHED WITH OFFERS OF ALL THE OIL THEY WANT, IF THEY WILL SIMPLY MEET A BIG ENOUGH PRICE TO IGNORE THE IMPLICATIONS."

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